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1. FOLLOWING IS SECOND OF FOUR MESSAGES IN RESPONSE REFTEL.
IT CONVEYS EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC POINTS RAISED IN
LETTER OF EDMUND HORMAN TO SENATOR FULBRIGHT, ATTACHED TO LETTER
RECEIVED BY DEPT FROM SENATOR JAVITS, AND KEYED TO PARAS AS PRINTED
IN OCT 31 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

2. GENERAL: THE MOST DISTURBING ASPECTS OF MR. HORMAN'S
LETTER ARE ITS ERRORS OF FACT AND INTERPRETATION, THE WRITER'S TEND-
ENCY TO IMAGINE THAT THE EMBASSY DID NOTHING AND HE DID EVERYTHING,
AND HOW MUCH HIS STORY AND ATTITUDE HAVE CHANGED FROM THE TIME HE
WAS IN SANTIAGO WHEN HE REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR
OUR HELP. IN POINT OF FACT, HE WROTE TO PURDY ON OCT 8 AND SAID
"I THANK YOU FOR THE KINDNESS AND COOPERATION WHICH YOU HAVE
GIVEN TO US."

3. RE PARA 1, MR. HORMAN LIKE US HAS NO PROOF THAT HIS SON WAS
KILLED BY RPT BY CHILEAN MILITARY FORCES IN RPT IN THE NATIONAL
STADIUM. THIS IS ONLY AN ASSUMPTION. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHERE
OR BY WHOM CHARLES HORMAN WAS SHOT AND KILLED.

4. RE PARA 2, NO COMMENT.
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5. RE PARA 3, MR. HORMAN SAYS HIS SON WAS SEIZED BY "CHILEAN
SOLDIERS," WHO PLACED HIM IN A TRUCK WHICH "WAS SEEN TO ENTER
THE NATIONAL STADIUM." ACTUALLY, WITNESSES INTERVIEWED BY
CONSULAR OFFICERS, AND BY MRS. JOYCE HORMAN, SAW A MAN THEY

THOUGHT TO BE CHARLES HORMAN (HE HAD LIVED ONLY A FEW DAYS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD) TAKEN AWAY IN A BLUE NON-MILITARY TRUCK BY A GROUP OF MEN IN CHILEAN MILITARY UNIFORMS. CHILEAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE DENIED THAT THEIR FORCES MADE ANY SEARCHES OR ARRESTS IN THE AREA WHERE THE HORMANS LIVED ON SEPT 17 AND THEY ALSO CLAIM THAT WHEN CIVILIAN TRUCKS WERE USED THEY WERE ALWAYS ACCCOMPANIED BY MILITARY VEHICLES. AN UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN, WHO WAS NEVER AVAILABLE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE HORMANS OR BY CONSULAR OFFICERS, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD A RELATIVE THAT SHE FOLLOWED THE TRUCK WHICH PICKED UP CHARLES HORMAN IN THE DIRECTION OF THE STADIUM, WAS DELAYED BY A TRAFFIC LIGHT AND LATER SAW WHAT SHE THOUGHT TO BE THE SAME TRUCK NEAR THE STADIUM. MR. HORMAN SAYS THAT THESE EVENTS WERE WITNESSED, WHOLLY OR IN PART, BY FOUR PEOPLE." THIS MAY BE TRUE OF THE "SEIZURE" BUT NOT OF THE ENTRY INTO THE STADIUM. MR. HORMAN IS ALSO IN ERROR IN SAYING THAT MARIO CARVAJAL, A FRIEND OF CHARLES, WAS CALLED ABOUT HIM (SEE BELOW). IT WAS MRS. CARVAJAL WHO SPOKE WITH THE CALLER, AND THE CARVAJALS SAID THEY KNEW CHARLES HORMAN ONLY BECAUSE HE HAD USED THEIR PHONE WHEN HE LIVED NEARBY. NEITHER MR. NOR MRS. CARVAJAL REPORTED THEIR CALL TO THE EMBASSY. MR. HORMAN IS ACCURATE IN SAYING THAT ON SEPT 18 BOTH WARWICK ARMSTRONG AND AN EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE HAD REPORTED CHARLES HORMAN'S "SEIZURE." ON THE BASIS OF THESE CALLS, AND WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE REQUEST FROM HORMAN'S WIFE SEPT 19, THE CONSULATE TRIED TO FIND THE MISSING MAN THE SAME DAY, SEPT 18, THROUGH THE CARABINEROS AND THE INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT (CHILEAN FBI). ON SEPT 20 WE ALSO CHECKED WITH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND, AS WITH THE PREVIOUS INQUIRIES, WE RECEIVED ONLY DENIALS OF ANY KNOWLEDGE OF CHARLES HORMAN'S DETENTION OR WHEREABOUTS.

6. RE PARA 4, EDMUND HORMAN'S DESCRIPTION OF HIS
(AND HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW'S) OCT 5 MEETING WITH AMB DAVIS,
COL HON AND CONSUL PURDY ALSO IS NOT AS HON OR PURDY REMEMBER
IT. ACCORDING TO THEIR RECOLLECTION, THE AMBASSADOR CERTAINLY
NEVER SAID "THAT THE EMBASSY FEELING WAS THAT CHARLES PROBABLY
WAS IN HIDING." HE MAY HAVE MENTIONED THIS AS A POSSIBILITY,
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BUT DEFINITELY NOT AS "THE EMBASSY FEELING." MR. HORMAN ALSO ARGUES THAT WE PAID INSUFFICIENT ATTENTION AT THE TIME TO THE CALLS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN FROM MILITARY INTELLIGENCE. IN POINT OF FACT, WHEN WE CHECKED SEPT 20 MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER OF HORMAN, AND IN A RECHK SEPT 25 THEY DENIED SPECIFICALLY THAT THE CALLS HAD BEEN MADE BY THEM. ANOTHER FAILURE OF LOGICAL CONNECTION LIES IN MR. HORMAN'S STATEMENT THAT "CHARLES HAD BEEN SEIZED BY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AS INDICATED BY THE EVIDENCE OF NEIGHBORS WHO SAW THE SEIZURE." NONE OF THE NEIGHBORS CLAIMED THAT THE SEIZING PERSONNEL WERE IDENTIFIABLE AS MILITARY INTELLIGENCE. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, IN RESPONSE TO OUR PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED QUERY SEPT 20, DENIED HAVING SEIZED CHARLES.

7. ALSO RE PARA 4, IN THEIR MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR,
COL HON, AND CONSUL PURDY ON OCT 5, 1973, MR. HORMAN
CLAIMED THAT THREE PHONE CALLS HAD BEEN MADE BY MILITARY
INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING HIS SON. HE GAVE THE AMBASSADOR THE FOLLOWING
NOTE: QUOTE WARWICK ARMSTRONG 281663. FRENCHMAN WHO RENTED
THEIR HOUSE WAS CALLED AND INFORMED ARMSTRONG. GEORGE PLATT
41335. MARIO ROSTELLO 294507. END QUOTE. MRS. HORMAN THEN ADDED
ANOTHER NOTE AS FOLLOWS: /THE ABOVE/ QUOTE WERE CONTACTED BY
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE TUES 18 SEPT. EARLY IN DAY. THEY WERE
ASKED TO COME TO NEAREST CARABINERO DISTRICT TO MAKE A STATE-
MENT. THESE PEOPLE DID NOT GO AS THEY SUSPECTED THEY TOO
WOULD BE PICKED UP. END QUOTE. SINCE THIS INFORMATION
DID NOT JIBE WITH CONSUL PURDY'S RECOLLECTION OR RECORDS OF
WHAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED BY MRS. HORMAN AND
OTHER PERSONS, CONSULAR OFFICERS MADE A DETAILED CHECK OF
EACH OF THESE CALLS:

A. WARWICK ARMSTRONG, A NEW ZEALANDER
WORKING WITH CEPAL, SAID THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED THE CALL
BUT RATHER HAD HAD IT REPORTED TO HIM BY A FRENCHMAN WHO WAS
LIVING IN A HOUSE THAT ARMSTRONG OWNED IN NUNOA. APPARENTLY
THE HORMANS KNEW THE NUMBER BECAUSE ARMSTRONG HAD PREVIOUSLY
LIVED IN THAT HOUSE. ARMSTRONG SAID THAT UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS
HAD CALLED THE FRENCHMAN AND HE IN TURN HAD CALLED ARMSTRONG ON
SEPTEMBER 18. ARMSTRONG REPORTED THAT THE FRENCHMAN HAD
TOLD HIM THAT THE CALLERS SAID THAT ARMSTRONG OUGHT TO GO TO
A NEARBY CARABINERO STATION TO SPEAK ABOUT AN AMERICAN FRIEND
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"WHO HAS ASKED YOU TO SPEAK FOR HIM." ARMSTRONG DID NOT DO SO, ON
THE ADVICE OF HIS SUPERIORS IN CEPAL. WHEN THE FRENCHMAN WAS
CONTACTED,
HE GAVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF THE TELEPHONE CALL. HE WAS CALLED
ON THE MORNING OF SEPT 18 AND TOLD "YOU SHOULD GO TO THE NEAREST
COMISARIA (NUNOA). HERE THEY HAVE A FRIEND OF YOURS WHO MAKES
FILMS." WHEN THE FRENCHMAN ASKED THE NAME OF THE FRIEND,
THE REPLY WAS "NO, YOU COME TO THE COMISARIA." THE
FRENCHMAN ADDED THAT THE CALLERS NEVER SAID WHO THEY WERE
OR WHAT ORGANIZATION THEY BELONGED. HE THEN REFERRED THE
INFORMATION ABOUT THE CALL TO ARMSTRONG.

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B. GEORGE PLATT, AN ABC CORRESPONDENT,
WAS CONTACTED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS AND DENIED THAT HE HAD
EVER RECEIVED ANY CALLS ABOUT HORMAN.

C. MARIO ROSTELLO. WHEN THE NUMBER GIVEN
FOR MARIO ROSTELLO WAS CALLED, IT TURNED OUT TO BELONG TO A MAN
NAMED MARIO CARVAJAL WHO WAS MARRIED TO A WOMAN NAMED
ISABELLA RASTELLO. THE CARVAJALS WERE NEIGHBORS OF THE HORMANS
WHEN THEY HAD LIVED ON PAUL HARRIS STREET, AND THE HORMANS HAD
OFTEN USED THEIR TELEPHONE. IT ALSO TURNED OUT THAT IT HAD
BEEN MRS. CARVAJAL (RASTELLO) WHO HAD RECEIVED THE PHONE CALL
MENTIONED BY MR. AND MRS. HORMAN. SHE BELIEVED THAT IT HAD
BEEN MADE THREE OR FOUR DAYS AFTER THE COUP, I.E. SEPT 14 OR 15.
ALTHOUGH IT WAS POINTED OUT TO HER THAT HORMAN HAD NOT BEEN
PICKED UP UNTIL THE 17TH, SHE CONTINUED TO
BELIEVE THAT THE CALL WAS ON THE 14TH OR 15TH. SHE SAID THAT THE
CALL WAS FROM A PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS
OFFICER OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE. THE CALLER ASKED HER WHY THE
"GRINGO WITH A BEARD" HAD HER TELEPHONE NUMBER. SHE REPLIED
THAT THE HORMANS HAD OFTEN USED THEIR PHONE WHEN THEY LIVED
NEARBY. THE CALLER ALSO ASKED IF SHE HAD ANY INFORMATION
THAT HORMAN WAS AN EXTREMIST AND SHE REPLIED THAT SHE DIDN'T
KNOW HIM WELL SINCE SHE HAD ONLY MET HIM WHEN HE USED THEIR
TELEPHONE. THE CALLER THEN ASKED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT
HER HUSBAND. SHE SAID THAT SHE WAS NEVER ASKED, AS WAS
CLAIMED BY MRS. HORMAN, TO MAKE ANY DECLARATIONS ABOUT
CHARLES HORMAN, AND SHE RECEIVED NO MORE CALLS ON THE SUBJECT.

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8. FINALLY, RE PARA 4, AS CAN BE SEEN FROM THIS ACCOUNT OF
THESE CALLS, THEY DO NOT CONSTITUTE "SEVERAL CALLS FROM MILITARY
INTELLIGENCE TO FRIENDS OF CHARLES HORMAN." WHEN PURDY TOLD
MR. HORMAN OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CHECKS HE APPEARED TO
BE SATISFIED AND COMMENTED THAT HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW WAS,
NATURALLY, VERY NERVOUS AND (REFERRING TO THE CARVAJAL CALL)
HER SPANISH WAS NOT VERY GOOD.

9. RE PARAS 5 AND 6, MR. HORMAN IS CORRECT IN SAYING THAT,
IN ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL FINGERPRINT CHECK MADE OF THE BODIES
AT THE MORGUE, THE CONSULATE REQUESTED ANOTHER LATER, WHICH
ALSO TURNED OUT NEGATIVE. WE STILL DO NOT KNOW WHETHER NO

MATCH WAS MADE BECAUSE OF AN ERROR IN TAKING OR READING THE PRINTS, OR BECAUSE CHARLES' BODY HAD ALREADY BEEN REMOVED. ON OCT 9 MR. HORMAN DID SEND CONSUL PURDY A NOTE ABOUT "BODIES REMOVED FROM THE MORGUE." IT SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT "WHEN THE PRINCIPLE (SIC) MORGUE'S CAPACITY IS EXCEEDED BODIES ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PLACES." PURDY ASKED DR. TOBAR AT THE MORGUE ABOUT THIS AND HE DENIED THAT BODIES WERE KEPT OR TREATED IN ANY OTHER PLACE. THE EMBASSY HAD ALREADY OBTAINED INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISPOSITION OF BODIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TERUGGI CASE, AND IT WAS COGNIZANT OF THIS FACT BEFORE MR. HORMAN BROUGHT THE MATTER UP.

10. RE PARA 7, MR. HORMAN'S STATEMENTS ABOUT HIS CONTACTS WITH MAJOR CONTRERAS, THE TWO MEN FROM MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AMBASSADOR ENRIQUE BERNSTEIN AND AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON FROM THE FORD FOUNDATION, ALL FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF HIS IDEA THAT THE EMBASSY DID NOTHING AND HE DID EVERYTHING. THE FACT IS THAT AMBASSADOR DAVIS, THE DCM, SEVERAL MILITARY OFFICERS OF THE MISSION, AND VARIOUS OTHER CIVILIAN OFFICERS ASIDE FROM CONSUL PURDY, HAD MADE REPEATED CONTACTS WITH THE CHILEAN OFFICIALS AT EVERY LEVEL, AS DEPT CAN CHECK FROM TELEGRAM CHRONOLOGY. NEVERTHELESS, MR. HORMAN CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT IT WAS ONLY HIS CONTACTS WHO FINALLY TURNED UP THE FACT THAT HIS SON HAD DIED ON SEPT 18.

11. RE PARA 8 MR. HORMAN'S UNIDENTIFIED GENERAL, WHOSE OPINION HE RECEIVED THIRD-HAND, AND WHO ALLEGEDLY SAID CHARLES WAS SHOT AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM, APPARENTLY IS GIVEN MORE
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CREDENCE THAN THE SEVERAL SENIOR CHILEAN OFFICERS WHO TOLD VARIOUS EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE HE HAD BEEN HELD BY THE CHILEAN MILITARY.

12. RE PARA 9, THIS DEMONSTRATES THE EXTENSIVE COOPERATION THAT WAS BEING AFFORDED BY THE GOC AT EMBASSY REQUEST.

13. RE PARA 10, MR. HORMAN CLAIMS PURDY TOLD HIM THAT THE CHILEANS "HAD MATCHED CHARLES' FINGERPRINTS TO THOSE OF THE BODY OF A MAN WHO HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE NATIONAL STADIUM ON SEPT 18 AND INTERRED IN THE WALL OF THE NATIONAL CEMETERY OCT 3." ACTUALLY PURDY'S CONVERSATION WITH MR. HORMAN WAS VERY BRIEF: PURDY SAID THAT A POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION HAD BEEN MADE, THAT IT "DIDN'T LOOK GOOD," AND THAT PURDY WANTED TO SPEAK TO MR. HORMAN ABOUT IT. PURDY HAS THREE WITNESSES TO HIS SIDE OF THE CONVERSATION, AND THEY ALL AGREE THAT PURDY DID NOT MENTION THE MANNER, PLACE, OR TIME OF DEATH OR EVEN THAT THE BODY HAD BEEN INTERRED. PURDY NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT CHARLES BEING SHOT IN THE NATIONAL STADIUM AT THAT OR ANY OTHER TIME BECAUSE HE DID NOT THEN OR NOW KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SUCH AN ACTION,

NOR HAS PURDY BEEN SO INFORMED BY ANY PERSON, CHILEAN OR AMERICAN. PURDY LATER (BUT NOT BY PHONE) MENTIONED SEPT 18 AS THE REPORTED TIME OF DEATH. HE NEVER SAID CHARLES HAD BEEN INTERRED IN THE WALL OF THE NATIONAL CEMETERY BECAUSE HE HAS NEVER BEEN INFORMED THAT THIS WAS SO. PURDY DID MENTION TO MR. HORMAN LATER, WHEN HE ASKED WHERE HIS SON MIGHT BE BURIED IF HE CHOSE TO LEAVE THE BODY IN CHILE, THE PRACTICE OF BURIAL IN WALL NICHES AT THE NATIONAL CEMETERY.

14. ALSO RE PARA 10, WHEN CONSUL PURDY CONTACTED INSPECTOR MARIO ROJAS OF INVESTIGACIONES ABOUT MR. HORMAN'S STATEMENT THAT THE FORMER HAD "CONFIRMED" THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO HIM IN A VISIT, ROJAS REPLIED THAT MR. HORMAN WAS MISTAKEN. ROJAS SAID THAT MR. HORMAN HAD BEEN CALLED OUT OF HIS OFFICE FOR THE CALL FROM PURDY ON OCT 18 AND HAD RETURNED TO SAY "THE CONSUL CALLED AND SAYS THERE'S A BODY AT THE MORGUE THAT MAY BE MY SON-- THEY'RE CHECKING FINGERPRINTS." ROJAS SAID HE WENT TO VISIT MR. HORMAN AT HIS HOTEL ON THE MORNING OF OCT 20 AND ADVISED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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HIM THAT THE PRINTS HAD CONFIRMED THE IDENTITY OF THE BODY. ROJAS DENIED THAT HE HAD SPECULATED ABOUT THE CAUSE OR PLACE OF DEATH -- AND, HE ADDED, MR. HORMAN DID NOT ASK.

15. RE PARAS 11 THROUGH 13, THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

16. RE PARA 14, MR. HORMAN'S STATEMENT CONTENDING "AMB DAVIS DIRECTED THAT NEWS RELEASES BE REQUESTED IN ALL CHILEAN NEWSPAPERS" IS INCORRECT. MR. HORMAN REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY PREPARE A NEWS RELEASE FOR EL MERCURIO AND THE AMB DIRECTED THAT THIS BE DONE BY THE PRESS SECTION OF THE EMBASSY. MR. HORMAN AGREED TO VISIT THE PRESS SECTION ON OCT 9 AND PROCEEDED, WITH THE STAFF, TO VISIT THE MERCURIO OFFICES. IT WAS DECIDED A PERSONAL VISIT WOULD UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY OF THE CASE. ON OCT 9, JOYCE HORMAN ARRIVED AT THE PRESS OFFICE AND SAID MR. HORMAN WAS NOT COMING. MRS. HORMAN THEN PROCEEDED, WITH AMERICAN AND CHILEAN MEMBERS OF THE PRESS STAFF, TO EL MERCURIO FOR A SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WITH THE CHIEF NEWS EDITOR. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION, IN MRS. HORMAN'S PRESENCE, THE EDITOR ASSURED THEM THE STORY WOULD APPEAR IN THE OCT 10 EDITION. IT APPEARED IN THE OCT 11 EDITION BUT FAILED TO MENTION THE REWARD PROVISION WE HAD BEEN TOLD IT WOULD CARRY.

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17. ALSO RE PARA 14, ON OCT 12, MR. HORMAN EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE REWARD PROVISION, INDICATED HIS UNHAPPINESS WITH THE OCT 11 STORY, AND REQUESTED ANOTHER RELEASE CLEARLY STATING THAT A REWARD WAS OFFERED. THE SAME AFTERNOON (OCT 12), THE ACTING EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER SPOKE DIRECTLY WITH MERCURIO'S CHIEF NEWS EDITOR (MR. BUSTOS) WHO SAID THE STORY WOULD REAPPEAR THE NEXT DAY (SATURDAY) WITH THE REWARD PROVISION HIGHLIGHTED. NO STORY APPEARED OVER THE WEEKEND AND THE PRESS OFFICER AGAIN SPOKE WITH MR. BUSTOS ON MONDAY, OCT 15, EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STORY AND PARTICULARLY THE REWARD PROVISION. MR. BUSTOS ADVISED THE OFFICER THAT THE STORY WAS "IN PREPARATION." WHEN THE STORY DID NOT REAPPEAR ON TUESDAY, OCT 16, HE VISITED THE PAPER ONCE AGAIN. HE WAS REASSURED THE ARTICLE WOULD APPEAR. ON OCT 17, A FEATURE ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE MERCURIO MORNING TABLOID ULTIMAS NOTICIAS.

18. FURTHER RE PARA 14, AT NO TIME TO THIS POINT (OR SUBSEQUENTLY FOR THAT MATTER) DID MR. HORMAN REQUEST RELEASES IN ALL NEWSPAPERS. WHEN MR. HORMAN VISITED THE PRESS OFFICE FOR THE FIRST TIME ON OCT 18, HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE WHEN THE PRESS OFFICER INFORMED HIM THAT THE RELEASE WAS PROVIDED TO OTHER NEWSPAPERS THE SAME DAY. HE REPLIED THAT HE FELT MERCURIO WAS THE BEST PRESS VEHICLE. IN ADDITION, WHEN THE PRESS OFFICER SUGGESTED TO MR. HORMAN THAT PAID ADVERTISEMENTS WOULD BE A MORE EFFECTIVE MEANS OF ACQUIRING PUBLICITY, HE
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REPLIED THAT THIS THOUGHT WAS "EXCELLENT IDEA." MR. HORMAN ALSO MENTIONED HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE PRESS WORK THAT WAS BEING DONE AND THAT THE PRESS OFFICER HAD "NO CONTROL OVER THESE THINGS"-- AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO THE WAY EL MERCURIO HAD HANDLED THE RELEASES. THIS ATTITUDE SHARPLY CONFLICTS WITH MR. HORMAN'S FEELINGS EXPRESSED IN HIS LETTER TO SENATOR FULBRIGHT.

19. FINALLY RE PARA 14, THE ADVERTISEMENT WAS PREPARED, HAND CARRIED TO MERCURIO (MR. HORMAN STILL WANTED TO WORK EXCLUSIVELY WITH THAT PAPER) BUT LATER WITHDRWN WHEN CONSUL

PURDY INFORMED THE PRESS OFFICE THAT CHARLES' BODY HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED.

20. RE PARA 15, WE ARE DOUBTFUL BUT UNABLE TO CHECK FURTHER IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY IDENTIFICATION OF WHO ALLEGEDLY SAID THIS AND TO WHOM.

21. RE PARA 16 NO COMMENT.

22. RE PARA 17 DEPT WISH TO ADDRESS POINT ABOUT ITS RELEASES. MR. HORMAN'S STATEMENT ABOUT A DISCUSSION WITH PURDY ABOUT IRREGULAR GROUPS IS INACCURATE. PURDY NEVER SAID THAT THE SPECIAL ARMBANDS WERE WORN BECAUSE OF DISSENSION AND POSSIBLE DISLOYALTY IN THE CHILEAN ARMY. RATHER, HE SPECULATED THAT THEY WERE WORN TO DIMINISH THE POSSIBILITY OF ACTION BY IMPOSTORS.

23. RE PARA 18, WE KNOW OF NO OCCASION WHEN MRS. HORMAN WAS TREATED DISCOURTEOUSLY AND REGRET ANYTHING DONE HERE WHICH MIGHT HAVE PROMPTED HER OR HER FATHER-IN-LAW TO CONCLUDE THAT SHE WAS SO TREATED. WE DO KNOW OF FREQUENT EMBASSY EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF BOTH WHICH EVIDENCE COURTESY, CONCERN AND CONSIDERATION:

ON SEPT 20 A MISSION OFFICER ARRANGED CHILEAN ARMY ESCORT, TOOK MRS. HORMAN AND HER FRIEND MISS SIMON TO THE HORMAN RESIDENCE, ASSISTED THEM IN COLLECTING SOME ITEMS AND TOOK THEM TO THEIR HOTEL. THAT EVENING THEY WERE DINNER GUESTS AT HIS HOUSE. AT THAT TIME HE PROVIDED THEM SMALL AMOUNT FUNDS SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED BY EDMUND HORMAN. SIMULTANEOUSLY HE OFFERED THEM ANY ASSISTANCE DESIRED
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INCLUDING THE USE OF HIS CAR AND DRIVER. ON AT LEAST TWO SUBSEQUENT OCCASIONS THE LADIES MADE USE OF THE CAR AND DRIVER.

ON SEPT 26 THE EMBASSY OFFERED MRS. HORMAN THE USE OF A CAR AND ESCORT IF SHE WISHED TO VISIT THE NATIONAL STADIUM.

ON SEPT 27, THE EMBASSY REPRODUCED COPIES OF CHARLES HORMAN'S PHOTOGRAPH FOR USE IN EFFORTS TO LOCATE HIM AND GAVE MRS. HORMAN COPIES.

ON OCT 1, A MISSION OFFICER OFFERED MRS. HORMAN THE USE OF A CAR AND DRIVER AND OTHER ASSISTANCE WHICH SHE DECLINED.

ON OCT 2, THE EMBASSY PROVIDED A CAR AND A LOCAL INVESTIGATOR TO ASSIST MRS. HORMAN IN MAKING HER OWN INVESTIGATION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THE HORMANS LIVED. ALL OF THE ABOVE ACTIONS TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF

EDMUND HORMAN ON OCT 5.

BETWEEN OCT 5 AND OCT 20, THE EMBASSY PROVIDED A CAR AND AN ESCORT OFFICER FOR EDMUND HORMAN SEVERAL TIMES. MRS. HORMAN ACCOMPANIED HIM ON A FEW OCCASIONS. DURING THIS SAME PERIOD, A MISSION OFFICER TWICE INVITED EDMUND HORMAN AND MRS. JOYCE HORMAN TO DINNER BUT THEY DECLINED BOTH INVITATIONS.

EARLY ON OCT 18 MRS. HORMAN APPEARED AT THE EMBASSY. SHE WAS RECEIVED BY THE DCM TO WHOM SHE REPORTED THAT TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF INVESTIGACIONES HAD CALLED AT HER HOTEL ASKING HER TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO THEIR OFFICE. SHE HAD SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING THEM THAT SHE WOULD APPEAR LATER AND HAD COME TO THE EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY. SHE REPORTED THAT SHE FELT UNSAFE AND IN NEED OF PROTECTION. THE DCM EXPRESSED REGRET THAT SHE HAD BEEN ALARMED, ASSURED HER SHE WOULD BE PERFECTLY SAFE IN THE EMBASSY, INVITED HER TO STAY AS LONG AS SHE WISHED, ARRANGED A COMFORTABLE PLACE FOR HER TO STAY AND SERVED HER COFFEE. CONSUL PURDY, ACCCOMPANIED BY MR. HORMAN, WENT TO INVESTIGACIONES. THE OFFICERS THERE ASSURED HIM THAT THEY ONLY WISHED TO ASK MRS. HORMAN QUESTIONS TO FACILITATE THEIR SEARCH FOR HER HUSBAND. UPON HEARING THIS,

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MRS. HORMAN ACCOMPANIED PURDY TO INVESTIGACIONES.

ON OCT 19 THE EMBASSY OBTAINED PRIORITY AIRLINE RESERVATIONS FOR MRS. HORMAN AND HER FATHER-IN-LAW ON ONE-DAY NOTICE.

ON OCT 20, THE CONSUL TOOK THE HORMANS TO THE AIRPORT IN AN EMBASSY CAR AND ASSISTED THEM IN CONCLUDING DEPARTURE FORMALITIES.

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